

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I am very concerned about the consolidation potential the the two new rules initiated by Chairman Michael Powell to protect cable ownership. The airwaves now are filled with enough junk from major producers that there flicking channels has become more entertaining.

There is absolutely NO diversity of ideas, viewpoints on cable programs. Cable compaines presently make it very hard for the public to acces the public acess channels with crazy red-tape just to get a program on.

Cable ownership needs to be capped at 30% or LESS so there is MORE competition and MORE diversity regarding points of view and content.